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1. LITERATURNAYA GAZETA FOR JULY 9 CARRIES TEXT OF INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR SCOTT. STORY APPEARS ON PAGE ONE OF SECOND SECOND SECTION. THERE FOLLOWS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF TEXT. DEPT. MAY WISH TO PASS TO SEN. SCOTT.

" A DELEGATION OF THE SENATE OF THE USA HEADED BY SENATORS H. HUMPHREY AND H. SCOTT HAS JUST BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT. THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC CPSU L.I. BREZHNEV, MET WITH DEPUTIES OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET AND MADE A TOUR OF THE COUNTRY. DURING THE MANY MEETINGS, THE IMPORTANCE AND NECESSITY OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MUTUAL BENEFITS FOR BOTH SIDES WAS NOTED.

LITGAS CORRESPONDENT YA. BOROVY MET WITH THE EMINENT REPUBLICAN SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN MINORITY IN THE SENATE, HUGH SCOTT, AND ASKED HIM TO ANSWER SEVERAL QUESTIONS.

AS IS KNOWN, YOUR DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC CPSU L.I. BREZHNEV. WHAT ARE YOUR IMPRESSIONS ABOUT THIS MEETING?

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THANKS TO THE GENERAL
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SECRETARY THAT HE FOUND TIME TO MEET WITH US. THE

CONVERSATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN A BUSINESSLIKE WAY AND WAS USEFUL, AS WERE, BY THE WAY, ALL THE TALKS BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS. WE DISCUSSED THE CURRENT PROBLEMS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THE POLICY OF DETENTE, WHICH I AM STRONGLY CONVINCED IS WELCOMED BY THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET PEOPLES. THE QUESTION OF THE PATH TO A SOLUTION OF THE NEAR EAST CRISIS OCCUPIED A SPECIAL POSITION. THE WIDEST SPECTRUM OF PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WAS EXAMINED.

SO YOU FEEL, AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT OF YOUR DELEGATION TO THE USSR, THAT YET ANOTHER STEP ON THE ROAD OF FURTHER GROWTH OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE WAS TAKEN? WHAT PRACTICAL MEANING DOES THE MEETINGS OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS OF BOTH SIDES HAVE?

IT WAS GRATIFYING FOR US TO LEARN THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY ATTACHES IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE VISIT OF OUR DELEGATION, CONSIDERING IT A MAJOR EVENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. THANKS TO THE MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE, WE HAVE BETTER CLARIFIED THE POSITION OF YOUR COUNTRY. WE HAVE REALIZED AGAIN THAT THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET PEOPLES HAVE A COMMON GOAL IN SUPPORTING PEACE. WE ARE UNITED IN A WISH TO END THE ARMS RACE, TO ADD SIGNATURES TO THE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR DURABLE PEACE AND SECURITY, TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY PROFITABLE RELATIONS. THE TALKS OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE USSR AND THE USA HAVE DOUBTLESS BEEN USEFUL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE.

YOU SAID THAT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES MUST BE DEVELOPED; DON'T YOU FEEL THAT THE DISCRIMINATORY CONDITIONS OF TRADE DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE WIDENING OF OUR CONTACTS?

SENATOR HUMPHREY AND INVY AS IS KNOWN, CAME OUT AGAINST THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRADE BILL AND WE NOW CONSIDER OUR POSITION THE CORRECT ONE. I WISH TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL TAKE STEPS LEADING TO THE AMENDMENT OF SEVERAL OF THE DISCRIMINATORY CONDITIONS OF TRADE.

MR. SCOTT, THERE REMAIN A FEW DAYS TILL THE BEGINNING OF THE
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JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN SPACE FLIGHT, WHICH IS THE FIRST IN HISTORY. WE HAVE A FEELING OF SINCERE FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THE AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN SEVERAL TIMES IN THE SOVIET UNION AND WE HOPE THAT THE AMERICANS FEEL THE SAME SYMPATHY FOR THE SOVIET ASTRONAUTS. HOW DO THE AMERICANS FEEL ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT?

IT IS PLEASANT TO NOTE THE ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WHICH EXISTS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
SOVIET AND AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS.

OUR CREW HAS DILIGENTLY STUDIED THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AT THE
SAME TIME THAT YOUR YOUNG MEN HAVE SUCCEEDED IN STUDYING EN-
GLISH. I AM TOLD THAT THEY ALREADY CONVERSE FREELY WITH EACH
OTHER. FINDING A GENERAL LANGUAGE, THEY CAN PROBABLY SOLVE
IN THEIR OWN AREA MANY PROBLEMS WHICH STILL ARE THE CAUSES FOR
DISPUTES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS. I AM A FERVENT SUPPORTER OF THE
USEFUL JOINT VENTURES WHICH PERMIT US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER AND WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
ATMOSPHERE OF SECURITY ON EARTH."

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